

ALICE ADVENTURE

THE GHAN

DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

Journey aboard the legendary Ghan to Alice Springs. At the heart of the nation's Red Centre, 1,500 kilometres from the nearest major city, Alice Springs is definitely remote but Australia's celebrated outback town offers plenty of exciting activities for adventurers of all ages. This diverse itinerary has you mountain biking, hot air ballooning and camel riding.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 days/1 night aboard The Ghan, Darwin to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursion in Katherine
- Transfer from Alice Springs Rail Terminal to Hotel
- 4 nights accommodation in Alice Springs including breakfast daily
- 1 hour hot air balloon flight
- 1 hour Pyndan Camel Tracks including camel ride
- 4 hour Alice Springs guided Velo Cycling Excursion
- 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

HIGHLIGHTS

- Glide across the outback in a hot air balloon
- Traverse the beautiful White Gum Valley on the back of a camel
- Cycle the highlights of Alice Springs town
- Visit Yubu Napa Art Gallery, where original and contemporary Indigenous artworks are showcased
- Explore Alice Springs' original settlement at the Telegraph Station

DAY 1 BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN

Settle in to the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Excursion in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge.

OVERNIGHT: The Ghan (L,D)

DAY 2 THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

Arrive into Alice Springs after breakfast and transfer to your accommodation. Enjoy time exploring this famous remote town. While you're here, explore Alice's rich and diverse art scene and intriguing outback history. Why not get a head start on your time in Alice with a hike or climb through the chasms, craters and sacred Aboriginal sites of the MacDonnell Ranges? Such a range of activities in the outback playground to choose from.

OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Mercure Alice Springs Resort (B)

DAY 3 ALICE SPRINGS, OUTBACK BALLOONING

It's an early start to catch the perfect breeze for a sublime view of the outback. You'll be awestruck by the tranquil beauty and emerging, vibrant colours of the desert coming to life as you take to the skies in a hot air balloon.

See the rugged MacDonnell Ranges transform in hues of ochre, yellow and crimson as you gently float high above. And keep a keen eye for the native wildlife stirring as the sun rises.

The remainder of the day is yours to reflect on this moving experience and enjoy Alice Springs at your leisure. (B)

DAY 4 ALICE SPRINGS, CAMEL RIDING

Spend the morning relaxing or visit more of Alice Springs including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Alice Springs Desert Park or perhaps the Reptile Centre.

In the afternoon, you'll be climbing aboard a camel to emulate the outback pioneers who used the 'ships of the desert' to ferry goods and supplies across the interior. Against the backdrop of the beautiful West MacDonnell Ranges, this is a signature outback experience. (B)

DAY 5 ALICE SPRINGS, OUTBACK CYCLING

What better way to connect with the outback environment than cycling through it?

Your escorted bicycle adventure visits the Old Telegraph Station and then continues onto a trail that tracks the famously dry Todd River. Next up it's the Yubu Napa Art Gallery to view Indigenous artworks. Your guide will also lead you along stretches of the signature ochre-coloured earth to some stunning photographic spots only the locals know about. Spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing by the resort pool or seeing more of the local sights. (B)

DAY 6 FAREWELL

Your Alice Springs adventure concludes today after checking out of your accommodation. (B)